(b) During 2005-06 the funds earmarked for four programmes of Bharat Nirman and the releases made are as under.

Programme	Amount (Rs. crore)	
	Earmarked	Released
Irrigation-Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme	84.37 (59.06 is loan and 25.31 is grant)	26.3166 (grant)
Drinking Water		
(i) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (Normal allocation)	36.42	41.35
(ii) Swajaldhara	—	5.15
Roads-Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana	30.00	48.90
Housing-Indira Awaas Yojana	20.78	15.24

(c) The physical targets for some of the components of Bharat Nirman in 2006-07 are as under:

Bharat Nirman Component	Target
Roads (Upgradation) in km	1483.051
Housing (No of houses)	11780 provisional)
Drinking Water (No of habitations)	1500#

#As informed by the State in Working Group discussion in Planning Commission for Annual Plan 2006-07.

Infrastructure Regulatory Framework Act

2799. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to bring forward the Infrastructure Regulatory Framework Act to lay down the broad guidelines for setting up of independent regulatory bodies for different infrastructure sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The regulatory framework for each sector is contained in the respective laws relating to each sector.

Growth rate of GDP

2800. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a year-on-year growth rate of 8 to 10 per cent in GDP is being targeted;

(b) if so, the details of the sectors of the economy expected to contribute thereto most and in what manner;

(c) the broad relation between GDP growth rate and poverty alleviation in the context of Indian economy;

(d) in what manner the targeted growth rate can be achieved in the present political scenario; and

(e) its proposed impact on alleviation of poverty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) had set a target of 8.1% annual average growth rate, measured in terms of GDP at market prices. The targeted growth rate was revised downwards to 7% during the Mid-term Appraisal of the Tenth Plan.

(b) The Tenth Five Year Plan had targeted to achieve a growth rate of 4.0%, 8.9% and 9.3% for agriculture, industry and services sector, respectively. The Mid-term appraisal of the Tenth Plan has revised these targets to 2.2%, 7.6% and 8.3% for the three sectors, respectively.

(c) The incidence of poverty is expected to be inversely related with per-capita income and agricultural productivity, as indicated in the Tenth Five Year Plan Document. Consistent with the overall growth targets of 8.1% for GDP and 4% for Agriculture set for the Tenth Plan, the Plan Document has projected that the proportion of people living below poverty line may be expected to decline to 19.3% at the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan, as compared to 26.1% in 1999-2000.